marching against us. The reason is that the opinion of the world is governed either by France or by England. We should therefore have everything to fear were it not for the courage and power of the nation. Posterity will declare that the great and critical events that face us were not superior to France nor to me.

15th, Saint Cloud:

Order, in the event of the English reaching the chateau of Marracq, that the chateau and all the buildings belonging to me there be burnt down, so that they may not sleep in my bed. All the furniture may be removed and stored at Bayonne.

17th. I am informed by semaphore that the people of Amsterdam have risen in insurrection.

December 14th, Paris:

I regret to see that the epidemic continues; is there no hope that the cold weather will check it ?

15th. We are badly off for muskets.

17th. (To Count Montalivet.) You will find herewith a schedule of 21,200 unemployed workmen drawn up by the Prefect of Police; I intend to provide them with work. It is difficult to believe that there can be in Paris 850 braid makers, 700 hatters, 1200 locksmiths, 500 carpenters, 2000 ironsmiths, 2000 carriage builders, 800 shoemakers, without employment, when complaints are constant that we cannot get any for the war administration or for the Guard. In any event, I intend doubling, tripling employment, rather than leave them without any.

20th. (To Marshal Mortier.) Brussels is surrounded by Russian Cossacks, Dutch Cossacks, and, I suspect, a few